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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: March 17, 1953

SUBJECT: Call of Greek Ambassador

PARTICIPANTS: The Greek Ambassador, Mr. Athanase Politis
Mr. Henry A. Byroade, NEA
Mr. Arthur L. Richards, GTI

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The Greek Ambassador called on Tuesday, March 17, at his request and during the course of an informal conversation discussed the following subjects:

1. The Ambassador left a brief informal memorandum which stated:

The Royal Greek Government is deeply concerned with persistent though not confirmed information that the internal situation in Albania is steadily deteriorating.

At this particular stage, the Royal Greek Government deems it necessary to reaffirm its conviction for the creation of a permanent state of independence for Albania and its belief that the United States Government shares its conviction.

Elaborating, the Ambassador stated that his Government was not adequately informed regarding the course of events in Albania but that it seemed clear that that country was going through a period of turbulence. He stated that Greece could foresee nothing but increased confusion.

The Ambassador inquired whether he could assure his Government that the United States shared the desire that the territorial integrity of Albania be maintained. Mr. Byroade replied in the affirmative.

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2. The Ambassador referred to the discussions and rumors of arrangements
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